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THE ACCOUNT OF THE *Behaviour, Confessions, and Dying Words,* OF THE MALEFACTORS,

Who were Executed at *Kennington-Common,*

ON

FRIDAY the 11th of this Instant *April*:

AND LIKEWISE

The Confessions and Dying Words of *Sweet* and *Wilkinson*, who were Executed on *Thursday* the 10th of this Instant, *April* 1735, in the Market-Place at *Kingston*, for Robbing the Church.

William Wilson

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ON

Tuesday the 11th of this Instant,

AND BURNED

The Confessions and Dying Words of those Unfortunate Men who were Executed on Tuesday the 11th of this Instant, April 1758, before the Church.

THE ACCOUNT OF THE Behaviour, Confession, &c.

AT the King's Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-Delivery for the County of *Surry*, held before the Right Honourable Mr. Juſtice *Reeves*, and others his Majeſty's Juſtices of Oyer and Terminer holden for the ſaid County, at the Town-Hall at *Kingſton*, on *Thurſday*, *Friday*, *Saturday*, *Monday*, *Tueſday*, and *Wedneſday*, the 20th, 21ſt, 22d, 24th, 25th and 26th of *March*, in the Eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

Eight Men, viz. *William Sweet*, *Philip Wilkinſon*, *John Robinſon*, *John Banes*, *William Prieſtly*, *Thomas Richardſon*, *Matthew Sellars*, and *John Mills*, were by the Jury found Guilty of capital Crimes, and receiv'd Sentence of Death.

John Banes, *Thomas Richardſon* and *John Mills*, were Repriev'd.

William Sweet, *Philip Wilkinſon*, *John Robinſon*, *William Prieſtly*, and *Matthew Sellars*, were order'd for Execution.

William Sweet and *Philip Wilkinſon* were indicted for ſtealing out of the Church at *Kingſton*, the Gold Taſſels and Lace belonging to the Cuſhion and Pulpit-Cloth, on *Sunday* the 9th of *March* laſt.

William Sweet, about 35 Years of Age, born of reputable Parents at a Place call'd *Chard* in *Somerſetſhire*; who gave him good Education, as Reading, Writing and Accompts, when he was fit to be put out to a Trade, his Father came to Town, and bound him to a *Vintner* in *Bartholomew-Lane*, whom he liv'd with for ſome Time, and the other

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other remaining Part of his Time he serv'd at the *Great James-Tavern* in *Bishopsgate-street*. He said he had liv'd in a great many reputable Taverns both in Town and Country; he had been a Drawer at the *Golden-Lion* Tavern in *Fleet-street*, likewise at the *Bell* by *Aldgate*, which he said was the Place he liv'd in, when he was taken by one Mr. *Busby*, who keeps the *Black-Dog* at *Kingston*, and likewise by Mr. *Barnford* at the *Black-Bull* in the said Town. While he and his Fellow-Sufferer, *Wilkinson*, lay under Sentence, in the Stock-House at *Kingston*, they was attended every Day by the Reverend Dr. *Comber*; they both behav'd themselves very devoutly, particularly *Sweet*, who was of our Communion; but *Wilkinson*, for four or five Days before his Execution, declar'd himself a *Roman Catholick*, altho' before, he said he said he was of the *Church of England*. There was great Interest made to save *Sweet*, for the Day before his Execution several of the Principal Inhabitants had sign'd a Petition, and went to wait on the Judge, but all prov'd ineffectual. When they came back from *Windsor*, and acquainted him that he was to suffer, he was very much shock'd, and Tears drop'd from his Eyes. He own'd he had been very much addicted to keeping too much Company, and neglected his Business, which was the chief Occasion of all his Misfortunes; for he said, he might have done very well, for he had a very good Opportunity of getting an honest Livelihood. He hop'd no Body would be so unchristian like as to reflect on his poor unfortunate Wife (nor his Relations, on his Account) for she had been a very loving and dutiful Wife to him. The Morning of his Execution his Brother's Son came to the Stock-House at *Kingston*, to take his Leave of him, where they embraced each other with a great deal of Tenderness; when the Executioner came to Halter him, and to tie his Hands, he was ready to faint away at the Sight of him; but recovering himself, and seeing his Nephew, said to him, *How can you stay to see such a melancholly Sight?* When the Executioner had done tying him and *Wilkinson*, he said to them, I hope you both will forgive me, upon which, *Sweet* kiss'd him, and said, I kiss you as freely as I wou'd my Brother. And I desire of

of you to do your Office as decently as you can, and not ſtrike me on the Breaſt; and one Favour more I beg of you, which is, that you will not ſtrip me at the Place of Execution, for it being ſo indecent a Thing, eſpecially in a Chriſtian Country, to ſuffer it to be done. Juſt before he went out of the Stock-Houſe, he ſaid he freely forgave Mr. *Busby*, and Mr. *Barnford*, for they had done nothing but what was their Duty. He hop'd for Salvation, thro' the Mercy of God in Chriſt; that he ſincerely repented of all his Sins, and forgave every Body, as he expected Mercy from God.

Philip Wilkinſon, 25 Years of Age, born in the County of *Tipperary*, in *Ireland*, of very honeſt Parents, who gave him tollerable Education as Reading, Writing and Accompts, to fit him for Buſineſs; he was put Apprentice to one Mr *Conniers*, a *Taylor*, in the County of *Waxford*; but did not ſerve out his Time, but came to *London*, and work'd at his Buſineſs. He acknowledg'd that he had been a wicked Liver, as Whoring, Drinking, Swearing, and breaking the Sabbath. He hop'd that one Mr. *L* —— wou'd forgive him, for injuring him, for it gave him a great deal of Uneaſineſs; while he was under Sentence, he behav'd himſelf very well, and was very ready to anſwer any Queſtions that was put to him by Perſons who came to the Stock-Houſe to ſee him. He ſaid he thank'd God, that he had no Wife, to partake of his unhappy Misfortunes, nor no Relations but what was far off. Two Days before his Execution, he ſeem'd to be more uneaſy under his Sentence, than he had been all the Time before; and reflected on his Fellow-Sufferer *Sweet*, and ſaid, he was doing Things under-handed, in getting a Petition ſign'd for a Reprieve, and not acquaint him with it, which caus'd ſome Uneaſineſs between them. He ſaid, when he was informed by the Keeper who look'd after them, that he was to be Executed on ſuch a Day, he was taken with ſuch a Trembling, that he could not hold one Joint of him ſtill for ſome Time. All the Time that his Fetters was knocking off, and likewiſe while the Executioner was a Haltering of him, he cry'd out, *Oh! Lord what have I brought my ſelf too, Lord have Mercy on me, Chriſt have Mercy on me.* He declar'd that he was truly Penitent for all his Sins, hoping to obtain Mercy from God, thro' Chriſt, in whom he believ'd as his only Saviour, and that he died in Peace with all Mankind.

At the Place of EXECUTION.

THE Morning they ſuffered, the Rev. *Dr. Comber* pray'd to them in the Stock-Houſe, for a conſiderable Time; after he had done his Duty, and their Fetters knock'd off, they were both put into a Cart, and were carry'd

to the Gallows, which was erected in the Market-Place, attended by the Sheriffs Officers; when they arriv'd at the Place of Execution, some Time was allow'd them for their private Devotions. Just before they were ty'd up, *Wilkinson* address'd himself to the Spectators, and desir'd them to pray for him, as did likewise *Sweet*, and hop'd that all young Men wou'd take Warning by their unhappy Fate; and that no Body wou'd be so uncharitable as to reflect on his poor aged Mother, nor his dear and most affectionate Wife. Just before the Cart was drawn away, *Sweet* kiss'd *Wilkinson*. They went off the Stage, crying to God to have Mercy upon them, and that the Lord Jesus would receive their Spirits.

SIR,

I HAVE sent you the Contents of *Sweet*'s Confession to one Mr. *Hopkins Sweetsir*, which the said *Sweetsir*, took Oath of before *Edward London*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for our Town of *Kingston upon Thames*, in the County of *Surry*, which is as follow, *Viz.*

Hopkins Sweetsir, came this 12th Day of *April* before me, and upon Oath gave me the following Information.

THAT on Tuesday *last* William Sweet *sent for him, and told him he had sent for one* Neal *from the* Toy *at* Hampton-Court, *to resolve him of several Things; but he not coming, he sent to me, and told me, he was in* Kingston-Church, *but did not Rob it, for* Wilkinson *took off the Lace,* &c. *and said* Easter *seiz'd the said* Wilkinson, *and would have manag'd him, if* Sweet *had not been there, for she was a strong B—h, or could not have secur'd him, he being a stout Fellow; and charg'd him not to devulge it, till he was dead, for he would never own it more; he said* Wilkinson *had brought him to it. And that the little Boy,* Wilkinson, *himself and others had robb'd Mr.* Archer *at* Hampton-Court, *of his Watch, and some Money; and that they put the Boy in at the Window, who open'd the Door to them.*

Kingston, April 12, 1735.

Test. Edward London.

The following is a Letter which he sent to his Nephew the Day before his Execution.

Dear Cousin,

I *thought it very proper before I leave the World, to give you a Line of my unhappy Case, which is on* Thursday *I am to be executed, and they say in the Market*

ket-plate; but to that, be it as ſeems fitting of themſelves. I can, bleſſed be his holy Name, look Death in the Face with undaunted Courage, hoping to merit that Saying of our dear Redeemer, of come ye bleſſed, &c. and as I am a dying Man, and it is my laſt Words to you, ſo likewiſe will it be at the Place of Execution, that I deſire all young Men to take Warning by me. I freely forgive every Body, as I hope God Almighty will forgive me. One Thing very much troubles me, that is, the Reflections that will be caſt in my Wife's Teeth on my Behalf, and all our Relations in general. But I hope you will ſtand up for me. To conclude, I wiſh ye all happy in the next World, when God pleaſes to call you, which ſhall be my hearty Prayers. Remember me to all where you think it due; pray my Duty to my Mother, and I pray God to bleſs and preſerve her. Next to my Wife, my deareſt Love, and the beſt of Wives. Pray Couſin Thomas comfort her in the beſt Manner you poſſibly can; it's decreed and appointed for all Men once to die. Therefore deſire her to be of Comfort. I hope you will keep the ſame Friendſhip between you, as if I were living. Remember me to Sarah and Henry, to Mr. Adams and his Wife, begging of God to bleſs them; particularly for the many Favours I and my Wife have receiv'd at their Hands at ſundry Times. I now conclude, with my deareſt Love to your Wife and your ſelf,

From your poor
Unfortunate Kinſman,
WILLIAM SWEET.

Kingſton,
April 9,
1735.

The following is an Account of the apprehending and taking of Philip Wilkinſon, William Sweet, *who are executed, and the little Boy (who is now confin'd in the* New-Goal *in* Southwark) *by Mr.* Busby *and Mr.* Barnford *of* Kingſton.

ON the 8th of *March* laſt, being Market Day at *Kingſton*, Mr. *Busby*'s Servants being up and cleaning the Houſe, Mr. *Busby* being gone to Bed, *Wilkinſon* came up the Paſſage with *Sweet* and two more; *Buckley* the Boy having ſecreted himſelf in the Yard before, but the Dog making a Noiſe, they ſilenc'd him by giving him ſomething to eat. Mr. *Busby*'s Daughter being frightned ran up Stairs to her Father, and acquainted him that there was a Man come up the Paſſage; upon which he order'd her to go down immediately, and ſecure all the Doors and come to Bed, bidding her not be afraid, for he was ready for them. They finding the Houſe was alarmed, made off undiſcovered. The next Morning Mr. *Busby* acquainted ſome of the Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood what ha happened, which gave them a great Uneaſineſs, fearing their Houſes would be attacked.

On *Sunday* the 9th of *March*, the Church was robbed between one and two o'Clock in the Afternoon, by *Wilkinſon*

kinſon and *Sweet*, the Boy being in the Church at the ſame Time, and the other two being gone over *Kingſton* Bridge to *Hampton-wick*, for fear of being diſcovered; they were all purſued, but got off with their Booty. The ſame Evening about 8 o'Clock, the Boy came down Mr. *Busby*'s Paſſage, his Wife and he being alone in the Houſe, Mr. *Busby*'s Son met him in the Paſſage, and asked him where he was going; Mr. *Busby* hearing his Son ſpeaking to ſomebody, ſtep'd out immediately, and took hold of the Boy, and ſaid to him, *Sirrah, what Buſineſs have you here?* He to told him, that he was going to the Oven to warm himſelf, and to ſee for his Brother. Mr. *Busby* told him there was no Oven there. Sir (ſays he) is not this a Thorough-fair? No, ſays Mr. *Busby*, it is not, and led him out of the Paſſage into the Street, he ſcreaming in a violent Manner, thinking by that Means to get away. Some Women in the Neighbourhood called to Mr. *Busby*, and ſaid it was a Shame, he would frighten him into Fits; but Mr. *Busby* replyed, he would not hurt him. As he was carrying him before the chief Magiſtrate, he begged of Mr. *Busby* not to ſend him to *Bridewell*. *Why*, ſays Mr. *Busby*, do you know what *Bridewell* is; he replyed no, but I am afraid you will ſend me there: Being examined near four or five Hours, he gave but little Account to the Purpoſe, but promiſed ſtill he would tell the Truth; the Magiſtrate having ſome Suſpicion of him, ſent him to the *Stock-Houſe* for that Night. The next Morning being further examined, he confeſs'd that *Sweet* and *Wilkinſon* robbed the Church, while he walked up and down to watch; and at the ſame Time ſaid he could ſhew them where they might be taken; upon which Mr. *Busby* immediately got a Warrant from Mr. *Harvis*, a Juſtice of Peace for the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Surry*, and next Day he and Mr. *Barnford*, with the Boy came to *London*, and after a great deal of Difficulty and Danger took *Sweet* about 11 or 12 o'Clock at Night, at the *Bell* Tavern near *Aldgate*. Soon after they had taken him the called a Coach, and put him therein with his Wife, and carryed them to the *Swan* and *Two Necks*, near the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*. It being then near two o'Clock in the Morning, they kept *Sweet* in Cuſtody there, who had like to have eſcaped from them, but they ſecured him in the *Gatehouſe*; after which they went in Purſuit of *Wilkinſon* for almoſt the whole Day; but telling *Sweet*'s Wife if ſhe would procure him to be taken they would releaſe her Husband; ſhe carryed them to *Gunpowder-Ally* in *Shoe-lane*, to her Husband's Mother's, where telling her that ſhe had a Mind to ſave her Son's Life ſhe muſt find that Rogue *Wilkinſon*. The old Woman being frightned, aſked what her Son had done, and being told he was charged with a Felony, promiſed ſhe would find him before ſhe ſlept, ſaying at the ſame Time he was a great Rogue, and was continually

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busing her, and wished he was hanged out of the Way, for that he came when he pleased and obliged her to lay on the Floor, and sometimes turn her out of Doors to lay in the Street; they then left *Sweet*'s Wife with her Mother, and the same Evening *Wilkinson* was taken and brought in a Coach to the *Gatehouse*, upon which they were both hand-cuff'd and carry'd before Mr. *Deveil*, who after a strict Examination, and being confronted by the Boy, they were committed by him to *Newgate*.

The following is an Account of John Robinson, William Priestly, *and* Matthew Sellars, *who were executed on* Kennington-Common, *on* Friday *the* 11*th of this Instant*, April.

John Robinson, was indicted for robbing *John Taylor*, on the Highway, and for cutting out his Tongue in *November last*.

JOHN ROBINSON, about 50 Years of Age, born at St. *Albans* in *Hertfordshire*, his Father he said was of no Trade, but rented the Tap at the *Red-Lion* Inn in that Town, who gave him what Education his Circumstances could afford; he said he took to the Business of a Physick Gardner, and sometimes served in Gentlemen's Families in the Capacity of a Butler, he lived as a Servant with one Mr. *Garret* at *East-Ham* in *Essex*, and with one Mr *Lewis* at *Carshalton* in *Surrey*; the Time he said he came acquainted with *Taylor*'s Wife, was about a Year and a half ago, at a Publick-House, called the *Bull* upon *Figgs-Mash*, which was a House he often frequented, and *Taylor*'s Wife being very often there, they became acquainted, and on one *Sunday*, being drinking together there, which to the best of his Remembrance, was about two or three Months before *Michaelmas* last, she said to him (among other Discourse) you have no Wife, nor I any Husband, what if you and I should make a Match together; to which he reply'd he would have nothing to say to her, for he understood she had a Husband, therefore could not marry another while he was alive, neither would it stand good in Law. In a little Time after this, she came again to the same House, and desired the Mistress thereof to go for him, which she accordingly did, to his House at *Mitcham*, and told him there was one wanted to speak with him at her House, and upon asking who it was, she said it was Mrs. *Taylor*, he then said he could not conveniently come, and besides said he had no Business with her, upon which she said you must come, for she must speak with you, you need not stay; upon her Persuasion he went to her House, and when he came in, found Mrs. *Taylor* there, who seemed extreamly pleased at his coming; after some

Diſcourſe, the Landlady ſaid to him, Mrs. *Taylor* would make you a good Wife, to which he replyed how can that be, ſhe has got a Husband. No, ſays the Landlady, I am credibly informed by Perſons that travel the Country, that he is dead, which Mrs. *Taylor* affirmed, and invited him to her Lodgings, at one Mrs. *Harris*'s, by *Kingſton* Bridge, where ſhe ſhould be very glad to ſee him, which he promiſed he would, and went to her on the *Sunday* following; when he came to Mrs. *Harris*'s ſhe received him in a very kind Manner, and ſaid if ſhe had thought of having his good Company ſhe would have provided better for him. He ſtaid at her Lodgings till 9 o'Clock that Evening, and was taking his Leave in order to go Home, but ſhe ſaid it was rather too late, and he might as well ſtay there all Night, and go Home in the Morning, for her Landlady had a ſpare Bed, which he ſhould be welcome to; to which he conſented, and in the Morning went Home. About a Fortnight after he had been at her Lodgings, ſhe and a young Woman came to his Houſe at *Mitcham*, and ſtaid a Night or two there, and then agreed to come to *London* to be married, which they were, at the *Hand* and *Pen* in *Fleet-Lane*.

All the Time under Sentence of Death, he behaved himſelf very decently.

N. B. The Subſtance of the Letter delivered at the Place of Execution, to Mr. *Wilſon*, is contained in the before Account, and at the ſame Place, before he was turned off, denied the Fact for which he ſuffered.

Matthew Sellars, indicted for breaking open and ſtealing out of the Houſe of Mr. *Hall* in *Rotherhith*, 8 Hats.

2 *Matthew Sellars*, 24 Years of Age, born in the Pariſh of St. *Botolph*, *Aldgate*, of honeſt Parents, though in mean Circumſtances, at the Age of 8 Years, one Mr. *Pratt*, Reader of the ſaid Church, took a Fancy to him, and at his own Expence gave him the Learning of Reading and Writing for near 2 Years, when Mr *Pratt* dying, and his Parents not being able to keep him at School, he hired himſelf to a Horner in *Petticoat Lane*, who gave him 5 *s.* a Week for warming Horns, where he continued near 2 Years, but not caring to follow ſo laborious a Buſineſs, he took to driving of Cattle, which he followed for near 5 Years, but being tired alſo of that Employ, he bound himſelf Apprentice to a Waterman, with whom he ſerved 7 Years, after which he went to Sea, on board his Majeſty's Ship the Pearle, bound to the *Weſt-Indies*, to relieve the Sea-Horſe Man of War then at *Antegoa*, where he continued 2 Years, and on the Ship's returning to *England*, in a little Time he ſpent his Money, and then got in Company with one *James Pawſey*, whom he had been acquainted with in his Apprenticeſhip, and with whom

whom he had committed ſeveral Robberies (whilſt an Apprentice) who propoſed to him the following the old Trade again, which he readily conſented to. The firſt Robbery that they committed, was about 6 Years ago, when they broke open a Houſe near *Mary le Bone* Church in the Night Time, by getting into the Window, from thence they took 3 Suits of Men and Women's Cloaths, ſome Hats, and a Quantity of Linnen. — The next Robbery they committed was between *Wandſworth* and *Putney*, in the County of *Surrey*, where they met 2 Men, and robbed them of 3 Guineas and ſome Silver, but one of them reſiſting *Pawſey*, *Sellars* went up to him after he had ſecured the other, threw him down and ſtampt upon him, and threatned if he reſiſted to cut his Throat. — *Pawſey* and himſelf committed ſeveral other Robberies in *Surrey* and *Middleſex*, which he ſaid he could not remember, but the laſt that they committed together, was at a Houſe between *Batterſea* and *Wandſworth*, where attempting to ſteal ſome Lead from off the Houſe, a Perſon in the Summer-Houſe in the Garden, ſhot *Pawſey* dead on the Spot, on which he narrowly made his Eſcape, having been ſhot at alſo after he had got over the Garden Wall.

Soon after which, he, with one *John Powell* and *Thomas Kingſton*, who are both tranſported, went to the Houſe of one Mr. *John Fendall* in *Love lane*, *Rotherhith*, where he got on the Pent of the Houſe, and cut the Lead thereon in ſeveral Pieces, in order to defend himſelf if he ſhould be ſurprized in getting in at the Saſh Window, while the other two waited in the Street to receive the Goods which he propoſed to throw out of the Window to them, but the Watch coming by, they ran away, and he was taken and carryed before Sir *Thomas Stevens*, and committed to the *New-Goal* in *Southwark*, and at the next Aſſizes at *Kingſton* was acquitted of the intended Burglary, but found guilty of cutting the Lead and fined 6 Marks, and 12 Months Impriſonment, and after 3 Months Confinement was diſcharged. After he got out of the *New-Goal* he took to robbing on the Water with 2 others, one of which is dead, the other he would not name. When they went on Board a Ship near *Battle-Bridge* about 12 at Night, and took thereout 8 Suits of Mens Cloths, ſome Hatts and Wigs, ten Guineas, and two ſilver Watches, the Crew being a-ſleep in the Cabbin; this Robbery they committed by getting in at the Cabbin-Window, in about three Nights after they went on Board another Ship, lying near *Wappin New-Stairs*, in the ſame manner, and took from thence ſeveral Suits of Cloths, and a ſilver Watch, the Crew of that Ship being alſo a-ſleep — In a few Nights after, they went on Board a Ship bound for *Scotland*, laying near the *Hermitage-Bridge*; out of which they

they took two Gross of Mens and Boys Stockings, two Suits of Mens Clothes, two pair of Stays, two Hats and two Perukes; here one of them had like to have been taken, by going to take a silver Watch that hung up in the Cabbin, which awaked the Person that lay therein; but *Sellars* perceiving a Bottle stand in the Cabbin-Window, bid his Companion, who was in the Cabbin, threw it at the Man's Head, which he did, and knocked him down, then *Sellars* pulled him out of the Cabbin-Window, and they all got off clear—About a Fortnight after, they went on Board a Ship, laying between *Iron-Gate* and *Tower-Wharf*, and in the same manner entered it, out of which they took a silver Watch, four Guineas, four Suits of Mens Cloths, two Hats and two Perukes.

Having left his two former Companions, he got acquainted with two others, they robbed a Ship near St. *Chatherines*, of a Watch, a Suit of Clothes, and a Peruke; the next Night they robbed a Ship at *Horsley-Down Chain*, out of which they took a silver Watch, eight Guineas, three Shillings in Silver, and some wearing Apparel —— About five Months ago, one of his last Companions having left him, he with the other going over *Lincolns-Inn Fields* stopt a Person, and after having knockt him down, took from him a Hat and Peruke, and two Guineas in Gold,——

After this Robbery his Companion was taken for stealing some Linnen in *Kent*, and tryed at the last Assizes held for that County, and cast for Transportation. About a Month after, he with 2 more robbed a Ship near *Horsley Down* Chain, out of which they took 6 Pieces of fine Broad-Cloth, Value about 150 *l.* 60 Yards whereof they sold for 5 Guineas, and the remaining Part they sold and pawn'd at several Places. Among them the Mate of this Ship was taken up on Suspicion, there being his Knife found on the Bale of Goods (with which they cut it open) but was discharged soon after; but lost his Employment on board that Ship. He declared the Mate was innocent, and asleep on Board, but they being disturbed, they made off with what they had got, or else intended to have taken away a great deal more.

Some Time after, with 3 more he stole out of a Shop, a Smith's Anvil in *Cow-Lane*, near *Porters-Block*.

Soon after, they went to a Wharf next the Steel Yard near the *Old-Swan*, from whence they took several hundred Weight of Iron; which they put into a Boat, and carry'd some to *Somerset-House*, and some below Bridge, which they sold for about 14 *l.* and divided the Money.

The last Robbery that he was concerned in, and for which he dies, was for breaking open the House of M. *Hall* at *Rotherhith*, with *Kibble* and another, and stealing out of the Shop 8 Hats.

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The under Written is the true Copy of a Letter, sent by the Penny-Post, to *Sellars* in the New-Goal, *Southwark*, two Days before he was Executed.

Debtford, April 9, 1735.

YOU Wicked and Disgraceful Wretch, I wonder how you are to have the Impudence to send to me, that refused coming to me when you was out of your Trouble, and when you was on Board of the Man of War, how I beg'd of you for God's sake to refrain from bad Company, and God would forgive you your past Sins, and you promised me you would Reform your Life. Is this your Reformation to come to such an End, you wicked hardened Wretch, that disgraced me, and your poor Father so much, as to send me such Letters, and the first Letter was open for every body to read, and to stile me Aunt and Uncle, a fine Credit, you ought not to have Owned you have any Relations, to our Disgrace. But you are hardened in your Wickedness, and I don't care what becomes of your Body. So the Lord have mercy on your Soul, for I will not come a near you nor own you, your Sister is gone in the Country, a great way off, She came and took her leave of me with a heavy Heart about you. I hear you want me to Bury you, I wonder at your Impudence, for if you were to lay above Ground for ever, I would not Bury you, nor cause you to be buried, no, own you, I nor my Husband won't come a near you, for you have brought such a disgrace to us, that I don't know whether my Husband will live with me or no, for you are the first Wretch of our Generation that comes to such an End, and I hope will be the last. You say you have several things to Relate to me, you may carry them all with you, for I won't hear them, and if you want to be Buried, you may send to your Whores and Rogues for I will assure you we won't, so we have no more to say

to you, but we will Pray to God to forgive you your Sins, and the Lord have mercy on your poor Soul, ſo Adieu, and for my Name I will not ſend it to you to ſuch a diſgraceful Place.

From Deptford, April *9th* 1735,

William Prieſtly, was indicted for robbing of *William* the *Scotch Pedlar*, on the Highway, near *Stretham* in the County of *Surry*, of about ten Pounds in Money, in *May*, 1733.

3. *William Prieſtly*, thirty Years of Age, was born at a Place called *Braffin* in *Hartfordſhire*, of honeſt Parents but poor; who brought him up as well as their Circumſtances could afford: He ſaid he followed the Employment of an *Husbandman* and went out to *Day-Labour*; but being weary of living honeſt, got into ill Company, which was the Occaſion of his untimely End. He ſaid he had lived a very wicked Life for ſome Years paſt, but being very ſick while under *Sentence* was not able to give any particular Account of his ill Mis-ſpent Life.

He owned the Fact for which he died, and the Juſtneſs of his Sentence, and died in Peace with all Mankind.

The *D*ay they ſuffered they were attended, not only in the Goal, but to the Place of Execution, by the Reverend Mr. *Wilſon*, Curate of St. *George* the *Mar*

in *Southwark*; who had daily attended them while under Sentence: And about One of the Clock were conveyed to the Place of Execution; (where a new Gallows was erected) *Robinſon* in a Coach, and *Sellars* and *Prieſtly* in a Cart.

At the Place of EXECUTION.

THEY were very attentive and Serious at Prayers, which being ended, they were turned off, crying to God to have Mercy upon them, and that the Lord Jeſus would receive their Spirits.

Witneſs,

RICHARD BUTLER.

This was Signed the 12*th of* April, 1735, *by Mr.* WILSON.

This is a true Account given by me,

WILLIAM WILSON,

Curate of St. George the *Martyr*, *in* Southwark.

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